

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pascale BRIAND *et al.*

Continuation of  
Serial No. 09/087,156

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For: RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRUSES  
AND USE THEREOF IN GENE  
GENE THERAPY FOR TREATING  
EYE DISEASES

Prior Group Art Unit: 1631

Prior Examiner: J. Brusca

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 and enter the following claims:

--14. A method for expressing a gene in at least one eye cell, comprising:

- a) administering to at least one eye cell a defective recombinant adenovirus comprising an inserted gene, wherein the inserted gene comprises at least one sequence permitting its expression in the eye cell;

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